

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 remain in this application. Claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13-22 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Those claim changes have not been made for purposes related to patentability. Claims 1-23 were allowed in the Office Action.

The title of the invention has been amended to be more descriptive, as required in the Office Action.

The Office Action objected to the drawings because, the Office Action asserts, reference numerals "5", "6", and "7" each have been used to designate the gap between the carbon film. However, reference numeral "5" identifies an electron-emitting region, reference numeral "6" identifies a second gap in a conductive film 4, and reference numeral "7" identifies a first gap in a carbon film 10 (between the gap in film 4). Therefore, it is believed that the use of each reference numeral "5", "6", and "7" to identify those separate respective elements is appropriate, and thus withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY CITED ART

Applicants have not received confirmation that the Examiner has considered the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 4, 2001. A copy of that Information Disclosure Statement (dated November 30, 2001) and a copy of the stamped postcard evidencing the Patent and Trademark Office's receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement on December 4, 2001 are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request

that the Examiner consider the art cited in the Information Disclosure Statement and issue an initialed version of the Form PTO-1449 accompanying the Information Disclosure Statement to confirm that the art has been made of record. If the Examiner needs additional copies of any of the references listed in the Form PTO-1449, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned representative.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application. If the Examiner does not agree to enter the present Amendment, he is respectfully requested to immediately contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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